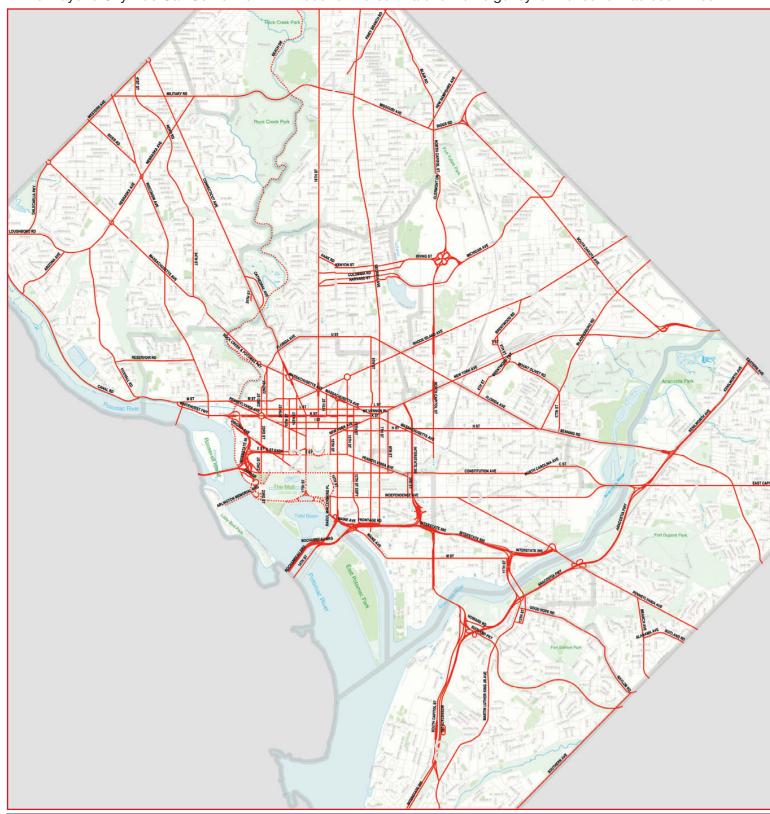
SNOW EMERGENCY
When a snow emergency is declared, DO NOT PARK on Snow Emergency Routes. Parking is banned on these routes to provide unimpeded curb-to-curb plowing. Illegally parked vehicles are subject to a \$250 fine and/or towing to a nearby non-emergency street. To locate a towed vehicle, call 202-727-5000. Listen to the media or call the Mayor's Citywide Call Center 202-727-1000 to find out if a snow emergency is in effect or has been lifted.



# SNOW IS COMING — BEAGOOD NEIGHBOR Please help elderly and physically challenged neighbors who may find it difficult to clear snow from around their homes.

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#### **DDOT AND DPW: YOUR SNOW PARTNERS**

Snow is a normal part of winter in the District. The District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) works with the Department of Public Works (DPW) to respond to winter weather.

Please take a moment to read this pamphlet and see how you can help us and your fellow residents during the snow season.



Continual build-up of snow and ice mixed with colder weather will mean a longer time to clear the streets. So please be patient, especially during and after a major snow storm.

When it snows, it is generally a good idea to avoid traveling and take public transportation.

Remember, we clear main roads first and then move into residential areas to make these streets "passable/driveable" but not necessarily plowed to bare pavement. Alleys are not plowed because no place is available to put the extra snow — we don't want to bury garbage containers or block garages.

Call 202-727-1000, the Mayor's Citywide Call Center, to report problems and for updates, but please wait until we've had time to clear the streets.

## **HOW YOU MAY HELP**

There are many ways you may help us, particularly in your own community:

- Clear snow and ice from sidewalks and steps next to your property. This is required by D.C. law within the first eight hours of daylight after the snow, freezing rain or sleet stops. Spread sand if ice can't be cleared.
- Clear snow from fire hydrants and catch basins.
- Put all cleared snow, such as from parked cars and sidewalks, in the "tree box," front yard, or between the curb and sidewalk – not in the street.



# WHEN IT SNOWS IN THE DISTRICT

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SNOW PLAN

The District of Columbia begins planning for winter weather months in advance. Equipment must be serviced, vehicles inspected, personnel trained, supplies ordered and snow removal routes evaluated to ensure readiness for the first flake or icy downpour of freezing rain.

We have developed mobilization plans for winter weather events ranging in severity from a light snowfall to a full-blown blizzard. Each response plan outlined in this brochure will vary somewhat according to the weather forecast and changes in temperature. Other factors include the severity, length, and number of successive storms.

Listed below is the district timeframe for clearing major roads, bridges and overpasses. For further information on the District's plan for removal of snow on residential streets and alleys, please visit the DDOT web site at www.ddot.dc.gov, click on "Snow Information" and then click on "District Deployment."

Up to 2"of Snow	2-4" of Snow	4-8" Snow	8-12" of Snow
Winter Weather Advisory	Winter Weather Advisory	Winter Weather Warning	Winter Weather Warning
Salting within 4 hours after end of each storm.	Continuous salting and plowing. Plowing to bare pavement within 6 hours after end of each storm.	Thru lanes plowed to bare pavement within 8 hours after end of each storm. All lanes, curb-to-curb, plowed to bare pavement within 12 hours after the end of each storm.	Thru lanes plowed to bare pavement within 18 hours after end of each storm. All lanes, curb-to-curb, plowed to bare pavement within 24 hours after the end of each storm.
12- 18" of Snow	18" or More of Snow	Freezing Rain or Ice	Freezing Rain or Ice

12- 18" of Snow	18" or More of Snow	With Less than 4" of	Greater than 4" of
Winter Weather Warning	Winter Weather Warning	Snow	Snow
Thru lanes plowed to bare pavement within 24 hours after end of each storm. Some lanes will be narrowed and or blocked due to heavy accumulation. All lanes, curb-to-curb, plowed to bare pavement within 24-36 hours after the end of each storm.	Thru lanes plowed to bare pavement within 36 hours after end of each storm. Some lanes will be narrowed and or blocked due to heavy accumulation. All lanes, curb-to-curb, plowed to bare pavement within 36-48 hours after the end of each event.	Continuous salting until road conditions improves. Bridges, ramps and underpasses freeze first, Ice Ban treatment prior to storm.	Continuous salting and plowing until road conditions improves. Bridges, ramps and underpasses freeze first, Ice Ban treatment applied prior to storm.

### THE SEPARATE DUTIES OF DDOT AND DPW OUTSIDE OF SNOW

**DDOT:** Responsible for building and maintaining streets, bridges and alleys; public space regulation; signs; parking meters; street lights; traffic signals; parking and traffic policy; tree maintenance.

**DPW:** Responsible for solid waste collection and disposal; parking enforcement and towing; recycling; street and alley cleaning; graffiti removal and sanitation enforcement.